

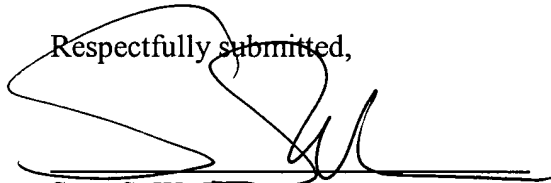
REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending. By this amendment, claim 27-30 and 34 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Claims 1-40 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 27-30 and 34 are grouped in group "A" and claims 1-26, 31-33 and 35-40 are grouped in group "B". Applicants elect group "B" without traverse. Claims from group "A" have been withdrawn. Applicants respectfully assert that the elected claims are in condition for allowance and request examination and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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